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Carthusians Buy Iona Island.
 London, June 4.—It is understood that the Duke of Argyll has sold Iona island, Hebrides, to the Carthusians, who were recently expelled from the monastery of the Grande Chartreuse. The terms of the sale provide for the preservation of the sacred and historical associations of the island.

Forest Fire at White Lake, N. Y.
 Utica, N. Y., June 4.—A forest fire has broken out at White Lake. The fire wardens ordered out a large force of men, and for the present cottages on the east side of the lake are safe.

Army Maneuvers at Cheyenne.
 Cheyenne, Wyo., June 4.—Adjutant General F. A. Switzer has received positive assurance that the war department has decided upon Cheyenne as the point for the army maneuvers this fall, and August was named as the month. All the states adjacent to Wyoming will participate.

Ice Trust's Plant Destroyed.
 Gardiner, Me., June 4.—The John Hancock ice houses, owned by the American Ice company, and eight dwellings were burned today. The ice houses were empty.

The Times' Daily Short Story.

The Cipher Telegram

[Original.]

Lisa was a young Russian girl, the daughter of a general. At the time the Crimean war broke out she was engaged to Dimitri Olszoff, a lieutenant in the Russian army. There are cases where lovers become so wrapped in each other that separation is agony. So it was with these two young people when Dimitri Olszoff departed for the war. Lisa held to him till the last minute and fell in a stupor when he left her.

It had been arranged between them that Olszoff should not only send word by everyday mail, but telegraph her in case of his being wounded or taken sick. This might involve sending news of a battle. The Russian government gives out all the news, not permitting even the newspaper correspondents to send any except what has passed a censor. Therefore Olszoff would not only be obliged to send his message surreptitiously, but in cipher. The lover arranged a code, giving Lisa the key. He did not tell her that there was little hope of his being able to use it. Still, since the cipher was simply a few ordinary sentences, each with a special meaning, the sending of a message was not impossible.

Olszoff was wealthy, and Russian officials are very corrupt. He made the acquaintance of a telegrapher at headquarters and arranged with him for 1,000 rubles to send a message if required.

One evening Lisa was at an entertainment at the house of Vladimir Sohnski, a prominent government official at St. Petersburg. The Malakoff had been stormed and the government was especially desirous of keeping news which forebode the defeat of the Russian cause from the people. The host knew of it and was instructed to proceed with his entertainment, since a postponement would excite suspicion. In the midst of the festivities a telegram was handed to Lisa. She tore off the envelope, scanned the words in the message and fell in a faint. Sohnski, who had been feigning to be in a merry mood, but really was depressed by what he was concealing, happened to be near Lisa when she swooned. He seized the telegram, noticed the point from whence it came and knew at once that it must be a cipher message containing some news about the disaster. He had Lisa carried upstairs to a private room, notified the police to come and take charge of her, and disappearing from among his guests went directly to the imperial palace with the telegram.

The telegram was composed of two sentences, "I am on picket duty today" and "I love you as ever," the first meaning "There has been a disaster," the second "I am badly wounded."

FACTS ABOUT SUICIDES

Odd Statistics Gathered by Professor Bailey of Yale.

SHOOTING THE LEADING METHOD.

Monday the Favorite Day—From 9 P. M. Till Midnight the Popular Hours—Men Far More Prone to Self Destruction Than Women—Married Men Are in Largest Proportion.

Suicide in the United States has been studied by Professor William B. Bailey of Yale for a period covering 1897 to 1901, says a New Haven special to the New York Times. He has taken 29,344 cases. In order to take a more convenient unit 10,000 cases were taken by Professor Bailey for computation in his statistics. Of these 7,781 were found to be males and 2,219 females, indicating that in general the ratio of suicides of males to that of females is three and a half to one.

His tables show that the most popular suicide period is between thirty and forty years, followed closely by the period between twenty and thirty years. Nearly two-thirds of the suicides are found between the periods of twenty to fifty years. It is found that the number of married suicides exceeds that of those who are single. This table shows the relative proportions:

	Total	Males	Females
Singles	4,054	1,129	925
Married	4,867	3,317	999
Widowed	679	494	183
Divorced	126	127	62
Unknown	202	202	68

Total 10,000 7,781 2,219

More single, widowed and divorced women commit suicide than men in like conjugal conditions, but married men are more prone than married women to take their lives.

Shooting is found to be the favorite method of suicide, followed closely by poison.

The table summarizing the causes follows:

	Total	Males	Females
Drowning	809	490	319
Shooting	3,247	2,589	967
Poison	2,750	1,831	919
Cutting	810	695	115
Gas	695	495	200
Jumping	473	350	123
Hanging	332	250	82
Miscellaneous	302	219	83

Total 10,000 7,781 2,219

Despondency is the leading motive, claiming about 20 per cent of the victims. Business loss, ill health and insanity follow in order, with about 13 per cent each, disappointment in love coming next. Suicide on account of alcoholism is seventeen times as common among the males as the females, while from business loss the number is thirteen to one. Between the ages of twenty and thirty is reached the maximum of suicides from grief, chagrin and being crossed in love.

Monday is the favorite day for committing suicide, followed closely by Sunday. From Monday down to Friday there is an inappreciable increase and then a drop on Saturday, the lowest of the week. Professor Bailey says of this:

"For those who have endured throughout the week there is pay day at hand, followed by a day of rest. Among the males Monday is pre-eminently a day for suicide. Females prefer Sunday to Monday. Religious excitement may have something to do with this, but nearly a third of the domestic troubles leading to suicide come on Sunday."

"More than one-fourth of the suicides from financial trouble and ill health among females occur on Monday. They apparently lack the courage in their weak or impoverished condition to take up the struggle of a new week."

"Of 10,000 cases 3,087 occurred in the twelve hours before noon and 5,845 during the remaining twelve hours. Beginning with midnight, there is a continuous increase until 6 p. m. The three hours from 6 to 9 p. m. show a falling off, while from 9 o'clock till midnight is the period of greatest frequency."

'BEN-HUR' RACES PLANNED

General Lew Wallace Will Act as Judge at Indiana Fair.

Thomas Ensley recently contracted with the Indiana state board of agriculture for a revival of the Roman chariot races at the coming state fair, says a special dispatch from Indianapolis to the Philadelphia Press.

The rules will require chariots built on the old Roman lines, Roman style of harness and Roman costuming of drivers. The rules that governed the Circus Maximus races and the races at Antioch will obtain.

The idea was suggested when "Ben-Hur" was presented on the stage at Indianapolis, and General Lew Wallace will be one of the judges. He has consulted with Ensley and will assist in the details.

Making Linguists.

The practice of exchanging children by parents living in French and German Switzerland in order to enable their boys and girls to learn another language is spreading greatly in Italy, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. Recently an exchange agency to further this object was founded at Zurich. A Swiss child has the opportunity of picking up three languages—French, German and Italian—at practically no cost to the parents. In about six months a child is able to converse freely and is then sent to school to learn the grammar and literature of the newly acquired language.

Carlyle Was a Great Pedestrian.

Carlyle invariably covered several miles before beginning work and enjoyed riding inside an omnibus, while Victor Hugo preferred the outside.

RAILWAY MOTOR COACHES.

Latest Development of Locomotive Engineering in Light Traffic.

The announcement that steam motor coaches are to be introduced on the Great Western railway of England in July points to an interesting development in locomotive engineering, says the London Daily Mail. The London and Southwestern Steam company already built and tried a steam motor coach, and a vehicle of a somewhat similar character will apparently be adopted by the Great Western company.

The London and Southwestern steam motor coach is destined for use on suburban or main lines at those periods of the day when there is no great rush of traffic.

Heavy morning and evening traffic will be disposed of by the usual trains, but when passengers are few in number the motor coach will be used. The Great Western motor coaches will carry fifty-two persons of one class only, but the L. and S. W. vehicle will be divided into two compartments, first and third, carrying ten passengers in the former and thirty-two in the latter.

Access may be had to the coach at both ends from wide platforms, these being opened when running by collapsible gates. There is a luggage van capable of holding one ton of luggage, and immediately in front of this is the engine. This is of exceedingly compact design. The boiler is placed on the center line and is of the vertical type, with vertical and cross tubes. The cylinders are inclined, and the connecting rods drive direct on to pins on the front wheels. A separate drag link serves to work the valve gear. There are no flexible steam couplings, the boiler and the cylinders being on the same frame. The wheel base is eight feet, and the wheels are solid. The cylinders, of which there are two, are seven inches in diameter, with a ten inch stroke. It is calculated that in service the rate of acceleration will give the coach a velocity of thirty miles an hour in thirty seconds.

TRIUMPH OF OUR HENS.

Have a Big Lead in International Egg Laying Tournament.

Word comes from Australia that the eighteen hens sent from the United States to compete with the hens of that land in an egg laying contest have distanced their rivals and are still laying, says a Chicago special to the New York Times.

Three coops of six hens each were sent from Chicago in February and arrived in Sydney on March 18 after a particularly trying voyage. They were immediately set to laying in competition with some sixty-five others.

Miller Purvis, editor of Commercial Poultry, recently received a report of the progress of the contest from A. A. Dunncliffe, Jr., of the Sydney Telegraph. The report states that the three pens of American hens stand first, second and fourth respectively on the tally sheet, the leaders having such a start of their rivals that it is doubtful if the latter can catch up. The contest will last one year, and the owners of winners will receive appropriate prizes.

To Try Jett at Jackson.

Jackson, Ky., June 4.—The order changing the trial of the Jett and White murder cases to Morgan county has been withdrawn and the cases will be tried here as soon as a jury can be summoned from an adjoining county. The jail guard was called out during the night by a number of shots in the immediate vicinity. The shots were fired in the air and evidently done merely to annoy the soldiers. Otherwise the night passed quietly.

Bark Posted as Missing.

London, June 4.—The Norwegian bark Dronningen, Captain Martinsen, has been posted at Lloyd's as missing. The Dronningen left Durban, Ga., Dec. 30 for Liverpool and has not since been reported.

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